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SUBJECT: FY-76 CAMP COUNSELOR PROGRAM

1. BECAUSE OF PROBLEMS OF OBTAINING PERMISSION FOR SUMMER EMPLOYMENT FOR "F" VISA HOLDERS, DIFFICULTIES IN CHANGING FROM "F" TO "J" AND BACK TO "F" STATUS, AND DESIRE OF ISS TO PROVIDE U.S. EXPERIENCE TO MORE CAMEROONIANS, ISS WOULD PREFER NOT TO DRAW UPON STUDENTS CURRENTLY IN U.S. FOR CAMP COUNSELOR PROGRAM.

2. HOWEVER, CU/AF NOT TOTALLY SATISFIED WITH CONCEPTS OR RESULTS OF PAST PROGRAMS BECAUSE MOST PARTICIPANTS WERE NOT SELECTED BECAUSE THEY WERE INTERESTED (AND INDEED STUDYING) IN SOCIAL FIELD, BUT MERELY BECAUSE THEY WERE LANGUAGE-QUALIFIED AND WANTED TO VISIT THE STATES. CU/AF FEELS, AND PAMELA MARTIN CONCURS, THAT PARTICIPANTS SHOULD COME INSTEAD FROM THE MINISTRIES OF YOUTH AND SPORTS, EDUCATION, INFORMATION AND CULTURE, AND/OR LABOR AND SOCIAL WELFARE. ISS AGREES, PROVIDED PARTICIPANTS ARE MOTIVATED, ENGLISH SPEAKING, AND UNDER THIRTY.

3. ALTHOUGH WE REALIZE THAT THIS MAY CAUSE A REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF COUNSELORS FROM CAMEROON, PARTICIPANT QUALITY MIGHT BE IMPROVED AT NO INCREASE
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(AND MAYBE A DECREASE) IN EXPENSE. PARTICIPANTS COULD

USE THEIR CAMP EARNINGS TO PARTICALLY FUND A U.S.
TOUR. AND THEY WOULD BE PARTICIPATING IN A PROFESSIONALLY
BENEFICIAL EXCHANGE.

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